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## \*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\*

## Sen. Van Woerkom holds public forum to discuss food processing

**Who:** Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores; Dan Wyant, director of the

Michigan Department of Agriculture; representatives from the USDA Rural Development, Michigan Economic Development Corporation and DEQ; members of the Michigan Agribusiness Association and Oceana County Economic Development Corporation; local food processors; and

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the public.

**What:** Public forum regarding food processing

When: Monday, April 19

9 a.m. to noon

Where: Hart Middle School

308 W. Johnson St.

Hart

**Briefing:** This is a public forum to examine the issues and critical concerns facing

Michigan's food processing industry. The event is sponsored by Sen. Van Woerkom, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism, the Oceana Economic Development Corporation and the

Michigan Agribusiness Association.